

July 8, 2020

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Re: DHS FOIA Case # 2020-HQFO-01383 Inter-American Foundation FOIA Case # IAF-2019-010

Dear Ms. Best:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Inter-American Foundation, dated May 21, 2019, seeking any and all documents in the agency's possession that pertain to the WikiLeaks website or organization from January 2006 to the present date, including but not limited to emails, memos, notes, briefings, reports and other documents related to, mentioning or generated as a result of:

- 1. guidance and instructions for employees regarding visiting the website or otherwise reading or learning about it in the news
- 2. internal reactions to the website's existence and disclosures
- 3. damage reports regarding the website and its disclosures
- 4. efforts to identify, investigate and/or mitigate potential leaks to the website
- 5. efforts to identify, investigate and/or mitigate potential unauthorized viewing of the website or news reports analyzing it and/or its contents.

While processing your request, the Inter-American Foundation located records that fall under the purview of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Accordingly, your request and 738 pages of responsive records were referred to this office for processing and direct response to you. Your request was received in this office on July 6, 2020.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Per §5.5(a) of the DHS FOIA regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 5, the Department processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although DHS' goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period.

Provisions of the Act allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge you for records in accordance with the DHS Interim FOIA regulations as they apply to non-commercial requestors. As a non-commercial requestor you will be charged 10-cents a

page for duplication, although the first 100 pages are free, as are the first two hours of search time, after which you will pay the per quarter-hour rate of the searcher. You stated in your request that you wish to be contacted before any fees are accrued.

Your request has been assigned reference number **2020-HQFO-01383**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. Please be assured that one of the processors in our office will respond to your request as expeditiously as possible. You may contact this office at 1.866.431.0486. Thank you for your patience as we proceed with your request.

Sincerely,

James Holzer

Deputy Chief Privacy Officer (A)

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